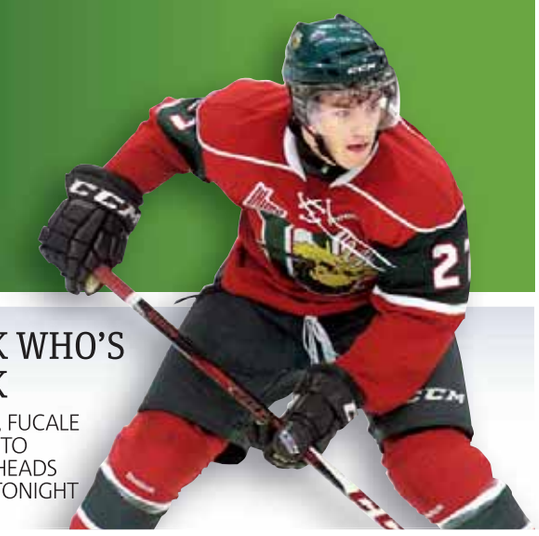
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HOME FOR DUNSWORTH

John Dunsworth, playing the role of Russell Bingham, bites down on a carrot in a scene from Neptune Theatre's production of Having Hope at Home, which opens on Friday night. Dunsworth, best known for his role as Mr. Lahey on the hit TV series Trailer Park Boys, is returning to the Neptune stage for the first time in five years. Story, page 5

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Clearing up the confusion

Mandatory clear bags. Councillors ask for public hearing

A proposal to make clear garbage bags mandatory in HRM will to go a public hearing — in part to get some, well, clarity about the idea.

"A public hearing … would provide a lot of technical clarity that we currently don't have," said Coun. Waye Mason during regional council's Committee of the Whole discussion Tuesday. "At that point we will have a much more specific idea about how this would be implemented."

The recommendation allows for one opaque bag inside each clear bag, and also reduces the number of bags allowed for bi-weekly pickup from six to four per household.

It's one of nine proposals arising from HRM's exhaustive solid-waste system review, and the city's CAO said it's intended to increase recycling and composting.

"These are policy opportunities to drive further source separation and they are used broadly across the country to focus people more on source separation as opposed to just disposal," explained Richard Butts.

But councillors had questions on the logistics of implementation, ranging from treatment of animal waste — which many residents gather in opaque plastic bags — to the permissibility of conventional garbage bins. Several councillors also said the proposal targets residents who are already doing their part. "We just heard that 75 per cent of residents have two or less (garbage) bags, so I really question the clear bag in the first place," said Coun. Russell Walker.

Coun. Jennifer Watts said there's reason enough to initiate the public hearing process.

"It will provide us with some further uptake on an issue that we've just heard today about the millions of dollars that we're spending in this area," she said.

Council approved recommendations to eliminate boxboard as a green-bin material; to require the use of kraft paper bags for leaf and yard waste; and to ban grass clippings from green bins.

"It reduces the amount of tonnage … the cost of collection and the cost at the processing facilities," said Butts.

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"I know we want to change behaviour, but it's interesting that … there's a mechanism in place for single-family homes, where you've got your highest diversion rate." Coun. Lorelei Nicoll

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Doesn't pass the sniff test



The public gallery at Halifax City Hall was full of concerned citizens who attended Tuesday's regional council meeting to hear more about the discussion surrounding the Otter Lake landfill. JEFF HARPER/METRO

No haste on waste.
Council defers garbage decisions, wants more time to debate



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Halifax regional councillors will take more time to review three contentious proposals regarding HRM's waste management system, to the frustration of residents waiting for decisions.

Councillors voted Tuesday to defer debate on closing the front-end processor and waste stabilization facility at the Otter Lake landfill, and keeping the landfill open beyond 2024, until a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

"Those have massive financial implications, they have very large environmental implications and they obviously have large implications for the local community," said Coun. Barry Dalrymple, who tabled the deferral motion on the Otter Lake recommendations Tuesday morning. "I cannot say … that I have enough knowledge to proceed today."

HRM CAO Richard Butts said no changes mean operating costs at the landfill will reach $750 million by 2024.

Coun. Reg Rankin, who represents the landfill's host community, said money was not a consideration when council approved the landfill's environmental protections in 1996.

"That was expressly taken out of the resolution ... it states very clearly that the environmental safeguards would be sustained in any event," said Rankin. "Nothing to do with financial feasibility."

Quoted

"I'd like to see this go away, but if they need the time to make a responsible decision, then they should have it."

Ken Donnelly, consultant, Otter Lake landfill community monitoring committee

Residents of the host community who packed the public gallery appeared to accept that deferral — but were clearly frustrated with a later vote to defer debate on a recommendation to begin exporting industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) waste outside the municipality.

Although the move would reduce the amount of garbage going to Otter Lake and potentially save more money, several councillors pointed out HRM spent more than $1 million in court in 2007 defending its right to "flow control."

"If we ship out of HRM, we're still shipping to provincial-standard facilities ... certainly not to our world-class HRM facilities," said Dalrymple. "To me there is all the difference in the world, and that brings in the moral obligation."

The deferral vote came after significant debate, prompting profanities and unflattering commentary on council's intelligence from the public gallery.

"We finally get to the meat and potatoes and have quite a bit of debate on the first substantial issue and then it's, oh, I don't have enough information," said Ken Donnelly, a consultant for the Otter Lake CMC. "I'm not critical of them for that…it's been 15 months we've been working on this, so it's really frustrating."

Follow-up date not set

Halifax regional council did not set a date for the next Committee of the Whole discussion.

Council approves tender for transit technology

Council voted unanimously to award the tender for the first phase of major technological upgrades to Metro Transit buses.

The tender, for automated vehicle location and computer-aided dispatch (AVL/CAD), was awarded to Trapeze Software Group Inc. for a total price of $5.9 million.

"I'm glad to see this finally going forward," said Coun. Lorelei Nicoll during regional council's regular meeting Tuesday. "It is a lot of money, but I feel it's the way of the future to build ridership for Metro Transit."

Coun. David Hendsbee raised concerns about a mention in the staff report about the need to actually negotiate a contract with Trapeze, but Metro Transit director Eddie Robar said negotiations are expected to be complete in the next couple of months.

Robar said the new system provides a "robust" foundation for future upgrades expected to be worth about $30 million.

"It is absolutely robust in its capability to expand and integrate with a multitude of different technologies as we move forward," he said.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

Real-time info coming

The new AVL system replaces a system installed in 2006 and will provide real-time bus location and arrival information.

Kirwan murder trial.
Forensic evidence detailed

Forensic evidence collected during the Amber Kirwan investigation continued to be the focal point of testimony at the first-degree murder trial of Christopher Alexander Falconer on Tuesday in Pictou Supreme Court.

Cpl. Matthew Mader of the RCMP forensic identification team told the 13-member jury he became involved in the Kirwan missing-person investigation on Oct. 14, 2011, when he was informed that some clothing was found in Heathbell.

He arrived at the access road in Heathbell where black leggings and earrings were found in the early morning hours of Oct. 15 and seized them as evidence.

Mader was also involved in the seizure of items from the grey Chevrolet Impala driven by Falconer in 2011. He fingerprinted items such as a laptop computer and plastic bag in the car. Contents of the plastic bag were also fingerprinted.

An XL black tank top was also seized from the vehicle and examined for hair, fibres and staining. The tank top was inside out when it was located in the bag. On the bottom of the tank top, some debris and staining were visible.


Amber Kirwan CONTRIBUTED

He said staining was on the centre of the shirt that works its way down to the bottom. He said a presumptive test was done for blood and it came back positive. It also tested positive for human blood.

A Sobeys bag inside the plastic bag in the car also tested positive for blood near its handle. Fingerprints were also found on the bag.

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Dartmouth. Apartment building evacuated over suspicious package

Residents were forced to evacuate a Dartmouth apartment building over a suspicious-package call on Monday night.

A call came in to police just after 6 p.m. regarding a suspicious device in the stairwell of an apartment at 7 Parker St.

Halifax police's forensic identification team arrived on scene, along with an explosive disposal unit (EDU).

An explosive robot was eventually deployed, and it fired a water disruptor at the device, which allowed an EDU technician to determine it wasn't explosive.

The device reportedly was a cellphone on top of a package that had wires coming out of it.

A K9 unit then searched the building to make sure nothing else suspicious could be found. By 10 p.m., the all-clear was given by police and residents were allowed back inside.

Metro Transit provided buses for displaced residents during the four-hour wait.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Serious injuries

Man pinned between 2 trucks

A 64-year-old man was airlifted to hospital in Halifax with serious injuries after being pinned between two trucks on a road near Bridgetown.

RCMP Cpl. Dale Guy said a truck had slid off the road in the community of Youngs Cove around 6:15 p.m. Monday. Another truck was able to pull the first truck back onto the road, but when the men were unhooking the two trucks one vehicle slid, pinning the Bridgetown man between the two. ANNAPOLIS SPECTATOR

Chance

Dog dubbed hero for locating missing boy dies

A Nova Scotia dog known as a hero across the country has died.

Chance, a Dalmatian-fox terrier mix owned by the Fraser family in the Cape Breton community of South Bar, died last week.

In 2009, James Delorey, 7, who had autism, wandered away from his home with his dog Chance. Chance returned home two days later, leaving a trail for searchers. James died later in hospital. CAPE BRETON POST



Paint my ride

Artist Tom Forrestall paints his 1980 model Mercedes-Benz at the O'Regan's Mercedes-Benz dealership on Kempt Road in Halifax on Tuesday. Forrestall will be working on finishing the car over the next few weeks, drawing inspiration from the four seasons.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

Pinecones and precious stones

Sparkle and shine.
Halifax jewelry designer meets Hollywood stars before the Golden Globes


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Not everyone's first day of school involves Sharon Stone and Dennis Quaid popping by their desk, but Halifax's Theresa Capell said that's what her time in Hollywood has felt like.

Capell, a jewelry designer and recent graduate of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, got the chance to show off her work to celebrities last week before Sunday's Golden Globes in a luxury gift suite in Los Angeles.

One of a kind

"It's not like something that you'd go to your next-door store and see." Theresa Capell about her jewelry

"I was a teeny bit starstruck when I met the few people that I knew I loved," Capell said about her favourite stars like Meghan Ory, who plays Red Riding Hood in the TV show Once Upon a Time, and Anna Gunn from Breaking Bad.

Capell, who has a stall at the Seaport Farmers' Market, said she was "very fortunate" a Hollywood entertainment company saw her designs and liked them enough to invite her to their gift suite.

Speaking over the phone from L.A., Capell said it was nice meeting all kinds of actors, writers and film people who shared stories about what it's like to work on a Hollywood set.

"It was kind of like your first day of school," Capell said, adding she was happy to get a photo with Quaid, and Stone was "absolutely wonderful."

The star of the hit movie Basic Instinct, Stone stopped by Capell's table with her sister, and was so taken with the natural materials like leaves and pinecones Capell uses in her Foxine line she gave a set of earrings to her sibling.

"It reminded her of how there'd be pinecones all over her lawn," Capell said. "They just loved how it made them relate back to their childhood."


Theresa Capell, centre, and actor Chris Noth have a fun time picking out earrings for his wife, Tara Wilson. COURTESY THERESA CAPELL

Capell said she'll be enjoying the California sunshine for another few days as she plans on visiting a few boutiques in the hopes of getting her pieces on display.

"If I'm going to go to L.A., I might as well take it for what it's worth, kind of use this opportunity to help myself," said Capell.

In-store winemaking, brewing talks begin

Consultations to develop regulations that would allow people in Nova Scotia to make wine or beer in stores will start this week.

The provincial government says it will work with the beer brewing and winemaking industry to develop regulations and standards that are expected to be introduced in the next legislative session.

The right to make beer and wine in so-called U-vint stores flared up a year ago, when the province's Crown-owned liquor agency sought a court order to prevent the owners of Wine Kitz Halifax and Water 'n' Wine in New Glasgow from producing wine and beer in their shops.

Have your say

The deadline for input is Feb. 10.

The previous NDP government later ordered Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. to drop the case in the face of a growing public backlash.

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Trailer Park star makes a journey to Neptune Theatre

Local talent. John Dunsworth of Trailer Park Boys returns to Halifax stage



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If you see Jim Lahey from the Trailer Park Boys around the city, he's more than willing to stop and chat — but it'll be all about you.

Local actor John Dunsworth, known best to fans as alcoholic park supervisor Jim Lahey, returns to Neptune Theatre this week in the play Having Hope at Home.

Although Dunsworth says there's not much Lahey in his grandfather character, Russell Bingham, he doesn't mind that his Trailer Park persona still gets him stopped on the street.

"I like it. I've always been an exhibitionist, I've always wanted attention," Dunsworth said with a smile while taking a break from rehearsal Tuesday.

"They want to talk about Trailer Park, and I want to talk about what they do. In 40 seconds I can get out of them where they work, what kind of kids do they have ... and what do they think of Jesus."

The play is Dunsworth's first Neptune appearance in five years, but he said he's been in over 30 plays there during his career.

A stage show with the Trailer Park Boys cast, multiple TV appearances and documentaries kept him busy last year, but Dunsworth said appearing in a play is a lot more work.

"It's louder speaking, it's more direct movement. Film closeup is nothing," Dunsworth said, adding he's seen many actors write "No acting" across the top of their TV scripts so they aren't over-the-top.

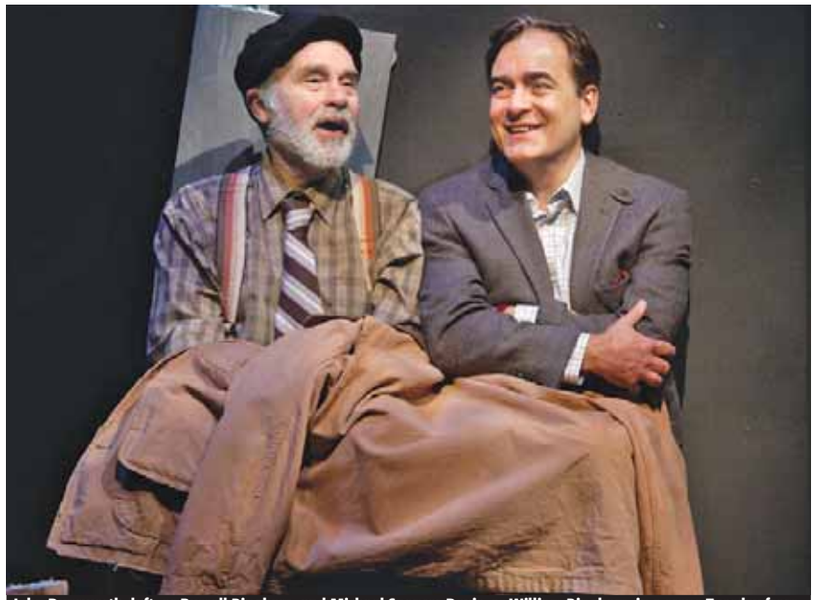
Despite multiple projects last year, the 67-year-old Dunsworth says he has no plans on slowing down. He is planning to build a stone theatre on his waterfront, work on a novel, give his Trailer Park Boys stuff to the Nova Scotia Archives, audition for a film, and do another tour with Ricky, Julian and Bubbles.

He said he loves to keep busy because "variety is the spice of life."

"I believe that everything comes to he who waits, as long as he works like hell while he's waiting," Dunsworth said, leaning forward with a smile, his voice dropping dramatically. "My dad said that."

At a glance

- Having Hope at Home premieres on Friday and runs until Feb. 9 on the Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall stage.
- You can visit neptunetheatre.com for tickets and show times.



John Dunsworth, left, as Russell Bingham, and Michael Spencer-Davis, as William Bingham, in a scene Tuesday from Neptune Theatre's production of Having Hope at Home. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Latest play

Hope in the house

Labour pains aren't exactly welcome at the best of times, but Carolyn Bingham really can't have them ruining her family dinner — so it's best to hide them.

Neptune Theatre's latest play, Having Hope at Home, opens Friday night in the Fountain Hall stage.

"It's a really heart-warming, sweet play," said director Marcia Kash on Tuesday.

Kash said the story takes place at the Bingham family farm where Carolyn (heavily pregnant) lives with her grandfather, played by John Dunsworth, and loving partner Michel Charbonneau.

She's preparing for a big dinner with her estranged parents when the labour pains start, but she has to hide the fact from her father, who's a doctor and would disapprove of her choice of a home birth.

Each family member is pushed to bring up a lot of the "unspoken" tension and truths in the family, Kash said, which is something many people can relate to.

"We don't get heavy, we try and skate it under with a bit of humour," said Kash.

After people see the play, Kash hopes the audience might speak their heart a bit more, be more forgiving, and let others be themselves.

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Katie Lawson, left, as Carolyn Bingham, and Aidan Desalaiz, as Michel Charbonneau, in a scene Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Nigeria

Activists: Anti-gay law will cause rise in persecution

First the police targeted gay men, then tortured them into naming dozens of others who are now being hunted down, human rights activists said Tuesday, warning that such persecution will rise under a new Nigerian law.

The men's alleged crime? Belonging to a gay organization. The punishment? Up to 10 years in jail under the Same Sex Marriage Prohibition Act, which has elicited international condemnation for criminalizing gay marriage and gay organizations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Sudan

Many drown trying to flee violence

A boat carrying civilians desperately fleeing heavy violence in South Sudan sank while crossing the Nile River, killing some 200 people, a military official said Tuesday, as fighting between rebels and government forces moved closer to the capital. Warfare in the world's newest state has displaced more than 400,000 people since mid-December, with the front lines shifting as loyalist troops and renegade forces gain and lose territory in battles often waged along ethnic lines. Nearly 10,000 people have been killed in the latest fighting, according to an International Crisis Group analyst. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy

Anti-immigrant party under fire

The newspaper of Italy's anti-immigrant Northern League party has come under fire for a new feature listing the daily whereabouts of the country's first black cabinet minister.

Ever since her appointment in April, Cécile Kyenge has faced racist taunts from Northern League politicians and activists. She has earned the League's wrath by promising to change Italy's restrictive immigration and citizenship policies and arguing that immigrants are a resource that Italy needs and not a security threat or burden. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

French pres. angry over tabloid story

Overshadowed by scandal. Hollande announces economic measures to encourage hiring Tuesday

Under pressure over a magazine report that he is having a secret affair with an actress, French President Francois Hollande conceded Tuesday he is going through "painful moments" with his companion, but otherwise sidestepped specifics on his personal life.

Hollande's partner, journalist Valerie Trierweiler, has been hospitalized since Friday, when the magazine Closer published photos it said proved Hollande's liaison. Speaking at a major news conference, Hollande said Trierweiler "is resting" but insisted that the venue in front of hundreds of reporters was "neither the place nor the moment" to discuss the issue.

The report in Closer showed photos of a man the magazine identified as Hollande wearing a motorcycle helmet and being ferried on the back of a small scooter to an alleged tryst with film actress Julie Gayet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"Everyone in his or her personal life can go through ordeals — that's the case with us."

French President Francois Hollande



Referendum: Egyptians vote on a new constitution

An Egyptian man flashes the victory sign as he lines up to vote in the country's constitutional referendum in Cairo on Tuesday. Upbeat and resentful of the Muslim Brotherhood, Egyptians voted on a new constitution that will pave the way for a likely presidential run by the nation's top general, Abdul-Fattah el-Sisi, months after he ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stationery. Clement pays back taxpayers for second set of fancy business cards

Among Tony Clement's stack of Christmas bills this year was one to pay taxpayers back for a second set of gold-embossed business cards that broke government rules.

Clement, the Treasury Board president, used his personal credit card last week to reimburse his department $195.98 for cards that were ordered back in 2011, when he first took the cabinet post.

The Jan. 8 payment was in addition to the $434 he reimbursed taxpayers last month for another set of forbidden gold-embossed cards.

Clement has now paid back $630 for improper stationery, which he says was ordered in error by a staff member.



Tony Clement
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Each set of his cards featured the Arms of Canada decorated with gold leaf, a costly stationery option that has been banned across government since 1994.

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Political finance probe. Firm owned by MP Del Mastro's cousin searched

Two people who contributed to MP Dean Del Mastro's 2008 election campaign told investigators they were reimbursed at a profit by a company owned by the MP's cousin, court documents show.

The donations were part of an alleged scheme to skirt political financing rules by concealing the fact they were made by a corporate donor.

The evidence forms part of an ongoing investigation by the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections into the activities of Deltro Electric Inc. and its president, David Del Mastro.

Former Conservative MP Dean Del Mastro, who now sits as an Independent, is not a subject of the investigation. No charges have been laid in the case, and the allegations have not been tested in court.

Heavily redacted court documents related to a search warrant request were released this week. Investigators, backed by a technical unit of the RCMP, searched the offices of Deltro in Mississauga, Ont., last fall.

In addition to receiving a $50 bonus with the reimbursement, those who allegedly participated in the scheme could also apply for a tax credit. Investigators estimated the credit at $558 per person.

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U.S. Congress

Budget bill could effectively ban horse slaughter

Lawsuits that have repeatedly delayed the opening of horse slaughterhouses in New Mexico and Missouri could be moot if the budget bill up for a vote in Congress this week passes.

The bill released Monday would effectively reinstate a federal ban on horse slaughter by cutting funding for inspections at equine facilities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

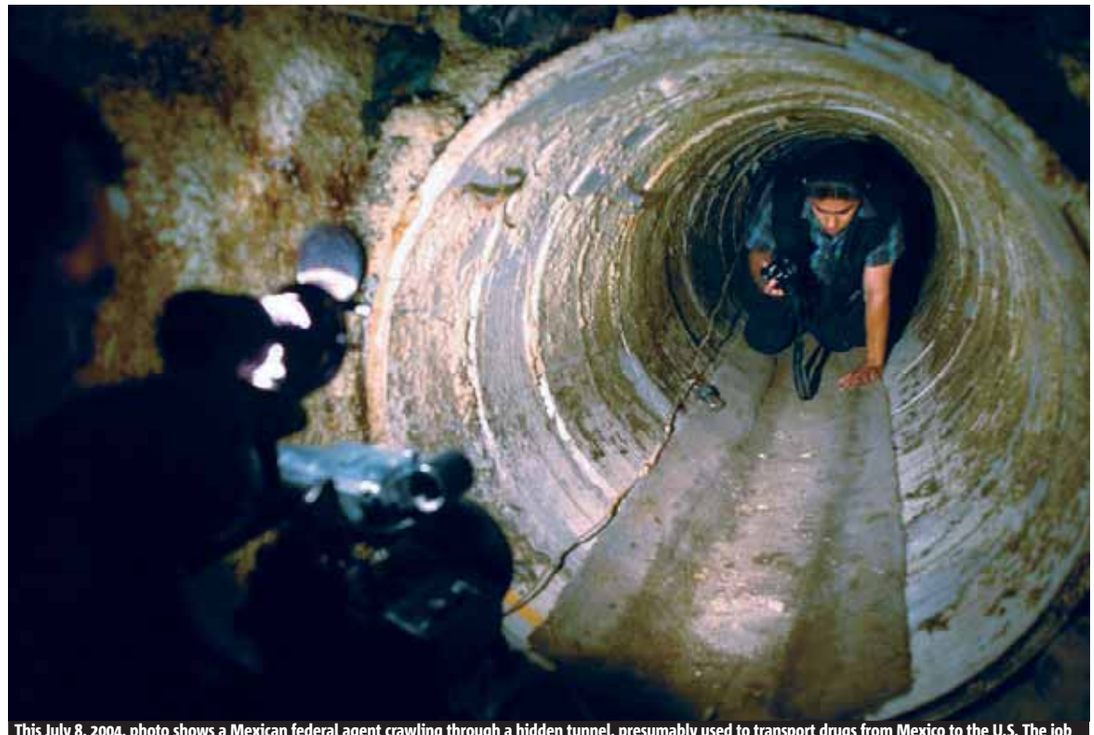
World Wide Worries?

U.S. net neutrality rules set aside by appeals court

In a decision that could reshape Americans' access to online content, a federal appeals court Tuesday set aside FCC rules designed to ensure that transmission of all Internet content be treated equally.

The rules have barred broadband providers from prioritizing some types of Internet traffic over others.

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This July 8, 2004, photo shows a Mexican federal agent crawling through a hidden tunnel, presumably used to transport drugs from Mexico to the U.S. The job of searching these networks can be dangerous, so the U.S. Border Patrol is unveiling its latest technology in the underground war — a wireless, camera-equipped robot that can do the job in a fraction of the time. DAVID MAUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Mexican drug tunnels and the robots that patrol them

U.S. border security. With cartels turning to subterranean methods to smuggle drugs into the U.S., officials turn to technology to stop them

As U.S. border security has tightened, drug cartels have turned to tunnelling beneath the ground to avoid detection.

Nearly 170 tunnels have been found nationwide since 1990, most along the Arizona and California border with Mexico. The job of searching these networks can be dangerous, so the U.S. Border Patrol is unveiling its latest technology in the underground war — a wireless, camera-equipped robot that can do the job in a fraction of the time.

Tunnel construction ranges from extremely rudimentary to very sophisticated, with lights, supports and ventilation. They can range from a few feet to nearly a kilometre long.

Labourers hired by cartels use hoes and shovels to gouge out soil and load the dirt into buckets that are brought back out of the tunnel's starting point in Mexico, and smugglers have dug dozens of tunnels in Nogales, Ariz., that tie into the city's storm drainage system.

For sophisticated tunnels, cartels hire engineers and miners. Officials estimate that the more sophisticated tunnels cost between $2 million to $3 million to build.

Smuggling groups use tunnels to move drugs, guns and people who want to sneak across the U.S. border, though traffickers are sometimes selective about what they will move through their tunnels.

So-called tunnel robots have been in use by Border Patrol for several years. They can safely navigate through corrugated pipes, tunnels, and drainage systems while an agent controls the device from the surface, seeing what the robot sees on a handheld screen. The robots are used, in part, as a safety measure to keep agents out of harm's way as many tunnels can be poorly built and possibly collapse and lack proper ventilation.

They also can navigate an underground labyrinth in a fraction of the time it would take an agent to explore the tunnel. Some of the newer robots, which weigh about 5.5 kilograms and can navigate through passageways that are only several feet wide, are being deployed this year across southern Arizona and California. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violence in Mexico

Soldiers' confrontation with civilians turns deadly

The Mexican government moved in to quell violence between vigilantes and a drug cartel in Michoacan state, but the campaign turned deadly early Tuesday in the town of Antunez, with a confrontation between soldiers and civilians who witnesses say were unarmed.

There were varying reports of casualties, but journalists saw the bodies of two men said to have died in the clash, and spoke to the family of a third man who was reportedly killed in the same incident. No women or children died, contrary to earlier reports.

The government sent more troops and federal police late Monday to retake an area known as the Tierra Caliente after days of violence between the vigilantes and the Knights Templar cartel. Interior Minister Miguel Angel Osorio Chong urged the vigilantes to put down their arms and return home, saying the government would not tolerate anyone breaking the law.

The confrontation occurred after townspeople were called to meet a convoy of soldiers who they were told were coming to disarm the self-defence group. Witnesses said the group did not carry guns, but as they blocked the convoy, some soldiers fired into the crowd.

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The usual suspects: Wireless auction no grave threat to Big 3

Experts. Bidding for the 700 megahertz waves shouldn't topple Bell, Rogers and Telus

Bidding for a coveted piece of Canada's wireless market started Tuesday.

Experts say the 700 megahertz waves up for auction are particularly valuable because they allow cellphone signals to travel longer distances and penetrate buildings and tunnels where calls are often dropped.

The signal also requires fewer cellphone towers to provide coverage in rural areas.

Ten players are in the game, including Canada's big three telecom companies: Bell, Rogers and Telus.

Among regional bidders are Quebecor's Vidéotron in Quebec, MTS Inc. in Manitoba, Saskatchewan Telecommunications and Bragg Communications, which operates EastLink in Atlantic Canada. But Wind Mobile's parent, Globalive Communications, pulled out Monday due to a lack of funds.

It's expected to be weeks before Industry Canada discloses who won licences and how much they paid for them.

The previous auction in 2008 for different spectrum raised $4.3 billion and ushered in a host of new players. But experts say lack of new competition means this auction won't likely raise as much money as expected, even though it's a more valuable piece of spectrum.

Hopes for foreign competitors to shake up the industry were dashed last fall when U.S. giant Verizon dropped the idea of expanding into Canada.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fourth player?

The feds say they want a fourth national player in every region of the country to give consumers more choice and to help lower fees.

- A Scotiabank analyst said Tuesday regional telecom operator Quebecor may be interested in acquiring Mobilicity, a small and financially struggling wireless company that has been trying to find a buyer. Analyst Jeff Fan said Quebecor could potentially become a "solution to the government's fourth operator objective in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario."

Multiple subscriptions

We are still *very* attached to TV

The rumours of rampant cord-cutting have been exaggerated.

More than 2.5 million Canadian households will have multiple TV subscriptions, paying for TV through a traditional provider and at least one other online TV service, according to a Deloitte study released Tuesday.

That's up more than 150 per cent from 2012 levels. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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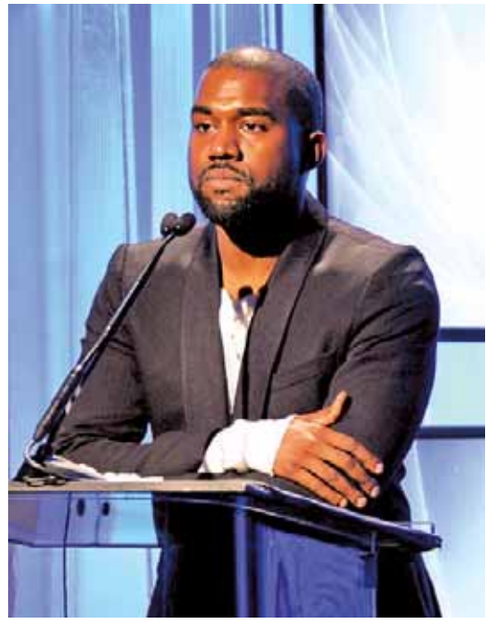
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Yo, Coinye, I'm not gonna let you finish

Hip hop star Kanye West filed a lawsuit Tuesday in federal court to stop production of "Coinye West" bitcoins, which he says unjustly cash in on his fame. West's lawsuit seeks to stop companies and individuals that have not yet been identified from exchanging the digital currency, and also seeks unspecified damages for hurting West's reputation. As of Tuesday, the Coinye website stated, "Coinye is dead. You win, Kanye." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

MUST LOVE DOGS, DRINKS, GOD



JUST SAYIN'

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The Mona Lisa?

Fuhgeddaboudit! The ideal woman, according to the dating site Plenty of Fish, is: "A 25-year-old Catholic woman who owns a dog, describes herself as thin, and drinks alcohol three times a week."

This paragon of femininity is likely to receive more messages than any other woman.

I don't know about you, but she sounds a little high-maintenance to me. A potential three hangovers a week when she stays in bed and you have to walk the stupid dog ... and then you're expected to go to church on Sunday while she tends to her guilty conscience.

Oh, and she's smarter than you are, as somehow she already has a graduate degree at 25.

Unlike previous ideals such as Mona and Helen of Troy, this vision of female perfection is not the obsession of some mooning poet with bad facial hair, but grounded in science: a just-released survey of 81,000 online anglers at Plenty of Fish.

So, as you're (literally) making up your online profile, here are some other science-based tips:

— Dogs are good, but only in the abstract. Women who post photos of themselves with the actual Rottweiler don't get as many messages.

— Don't state your age as 33, because 33-year-olds get the lowest number of messages. Further research (random numerology websites) shows 33 people described as: "Healers, compassionate, blessings, teacher of teachers, martyr, inspiration, honesty, discipline, bravery, courage." No wonder. Who can live up to that?

— Finally, whatever you do, drink. Women who say they abstain from alcohol get 24 per cent fewer messages.

I guess this profile says more about the guys doing the fishing than the female fish. The ideal woman sounds like the proverbial Good Sport. I'm surprised she doesn't come with a plaid shirt and a pickup truck.

But it doesn't matter what guys want, does it?

The ideal guy, as chosen by female fishers of men, earns between $100,000 and $150,000 a year. It helps to have a doctorate, MD or law degree. And, of course, you want to have children, even if you're too busy earning $150k to remember their names.

You apparently don't have to worry about your age, but you should also have dark hair, so I presume that means you should still have hair. Also, the longer your, er, bio, the more likely you are to get a reply. Women like a man who can talk at length about himself. Right.

After reading this survey, I am no longer surprised about that other statistic: More than half of marriages end up in divorce.

Good thing there are still plenty of fish in the sea, even if they are 33.

ZOOM

Hella wicked sight made of sound



COURTESY DLR

Helicopter noise seen for first time

Scientists have revealed why helicopters produce the noise they do – by showing for the first time the sound waves from their rotor blades.

Researchers from the German Aerospace Center in Göttingen developed a way of taking pictures of vortices that form at the blades' tips. METRO

Making vortices

As the rotor blades punch through the atmosphere, they create a vortex at their tips, caused by a difference in pressure around the blade (reduced pressure above the blade and an area of increased pressure below it).

As the rotors spin and hit the vortices of their adjacent blades, they produce the helicopter's distinctive "carpet beater" noise. METRO

Copter rocks it

In this image, blade-tip vortices are visible as dark lines during a complete rotation of the main rotor.

The engine exhaust flows are perceptible as a noisy area trailing the helicopter. The tail rotor's vortex system is also visible (black, circular lines on the tail rotor). The helicopter is pictured performing a rocking manoeuvre. METRO

Experts track bent light to spot sound

To photograph the vortices, scientists at DLR used a light-tracking technique called the Background Oriented Schlieren Method.

Light rays are refracted as they travel through sections of atmosphere with varying densities. This phenomenon is seen against a suitable background — in this case, a limestone quarry. METRO

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LUKE SIMCOE
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With Bitcoin becoming increasingly mainstream, hipster speculators and economic-rollercoaster fans are looking elsewhere for their crypto-currency fix. Bitcoin's software is actually open source, meaning anyone can copy it and make their own version. Here are some people who did.



COURTESY DOGECOIN

Litecoin:

Often described as "the silver to Bitcoin's gold," Litecoin was one of the first Bitcoin alternatives on the market. It's also seen a sharp rise in value, currently trading at about $23 per coin. Unlike its predecessor — which required massive computing power to mine effectively — it's easier to mine with the average PC.

Dogecoin:

If you prefer your digital dollars in meme form, then Dogecoin is for you. Named after the smiling Shiba Inu dog who became the most popular Internet meme of 2013, the currency started as a joke but gained value as more users jumped on the bandwagon. Wow.

Letters

RE: Health Authority to Probe Deaths of 2 Patients Shortly after Hospital Discharge, published online Friday, Jan. 10

I just wanted to comment on the story about the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and the two people that died ... it is a horrible thing! But I don't think they should be passing the blame on to the Taxi Cab Board.

Sure, they likely should have a policy in place to make sure people get into their houses ... however, that is not the main problem or fault here!

It is the fact that the hospitals are not getting people well before they send them home, PLUS they are not phoning a relative or caregiver that they are releasing these people. Someone should know that they are going home! Then the problem would not be happening at all.

Rosemarie Menzies, Winnipeg

Who is expecting them?

"Someone should know that they are going home!"

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SCENE 2

Chris Pine ready for duty as latest Jack Ryan recruit

Man of many faces. As the fourth Jack Ryan, Pine wants to 'stay true' to Tom Clancy's famous character



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Chris Pine stars as Jack Ryan in Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit. CONTRIBUTED

In your mind's eye when you picture ex-Marine turned CIA analyst Jack Ryan, who do you see?

Is he a dark-haired, suave six-foot movie star with a hot temper and a racy Twitter account? Or maybe a world-weary fellow with a scar on his chin and a resemblance to Indiana Jones? Or how about the Red Sox fan formerly known as Bennifer?

Created by writer Tom Clancy, Jack Ryan is the lead character in nine novels and the star of five films. This weekend we'll see him uncover a Russian plot to destroy the U.S. economy with a terrorist attack in Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit.

Chris Pine, best known as Captain Kirk in the recently rebooted Star Trek series, is the newest member of the Ryanverse, and hopes to bring something new to the character.

"I can't be Alec Baldwin," he told Empire. "I can't be Harrison Ford. I can only really do my own thing and stay true to the pillars of this character."

Baldwin originated Ryan on screen in the 1990 high-tech thriller The Hunt for Red October.

The movie could have been the beginning of a James Bond-esque franchise for Baldwin, but he left the series after just one outing despite the film being one of the top grossing movies of the year. In a Huffington Post blog he says he was pushed aside for another actor "with much greater strength at the box office."

Baldwin doesn't name names, but Harrison Ford soon signed on, playing Ryan in Patriot Games and Clear and Present Danger.

Author Clancy, who passed away in 2013, was not a fan of the Ford years. He thought the two movies dumbed down his original stories and thought Ford was too old to play the role. "Giving your book to Hollywood is like turning your daughter over to a pimp," he said.

Next up was Ben Affleck, who took over in the 2002 prequel The Sum of All Fears.

"The day I received the offer to play Jack Ryan," said Affleck, "I was filming a Pearl Harbor scene with Alec Baldwin. He was very sweet and said I should do it."

The part's originator has become the go-to guy with actors who sign up to play Ryan. When he was offered the part, Pine was shooting Guardians of the Galaxy with Baldwin. "He urged me to hold onto it," said Pine, "and to attack it."



Big Bad Wolves has quite the bite

Bloody great. Violent Israeli thriller adored by Quentin Tarantino is a cinematic heavy hitter

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Though we haven't the foggiest how many new movies Quentin Tarantino actually watched last year, the maverick director's assessment of Israeli filmmakers Aharon Keshales and Navot Papushado's shattering revenge thriller Big Bad Wolves as "the best film of the year" is hyperbole worth considering. It's really that good.

"We met him in Busan film festival," Keshales told Metro of the event surrounding the screening QT saw.

"Mr. Tarantino came to see the film and at the end, during the Q and A, he raised his hand and said all the beautiful things he said about Big Bad Wolves. He also talked to Navot after the screening and gave us some advice. He did an amazing thing for our film and we feel blessed to have our idol endorsing our film."

Tarantino's thumbs up may have put Big Bad Wolves on the pop culture radar, but its power to shock and provoke is distinctly the work of its creators. Their 2012 sleeper gem Rabies turned heads internationally and Wolves pushes that picture's blackly comic, ultra-violent ferocity into new, troubling and yet amusing directions.

In it, a rogue policeman and a desperate father kidnap and brutalize the mild-mannered teacher they suspect is behind a spate of child murders. But that's just the meat and potatoes set-up of this masterful, serpentine shocker, one that treads a fine line between satire and outright horror show.

"When dealing with such a delicate subject, you have to trust your intuition and gut feeling," the director says.

"If you feel you're crossing a line then you're crossing a line. If you think you're doing something in a very bad taste then you're doing it. Another recommendation is to give the script to the more delicate souls in your family, like my mother. If she can read it to the last page without tossing it away in shock then you did good. If she laughs, well you just managed to fiendishly manipulate the most tender heart in the world."

Violent, imaginative and super-stylish, the critically revered Big Bad Wolves has firmly put the duo on the map as forces of dark fiction filmmaking and is paving the way for their next projects including a segment in the upcoming ABC's Of Death 2 as well as a surreal, typically violent, atypically Israeli, spaghetti western, currently in pre-production.

"Never in our wildest dreams have we thought we'd get such a strong international response (from our work),"says Keshales.

"After Rabies we decided to make a film that took the revenge theme to the absurd. We have a moral stand in Big Bad Wolves but still we didn't how people would react to this new approach and the things we have to say about the 'macho men' in our country."

Big Bad Wolves opens Friday.

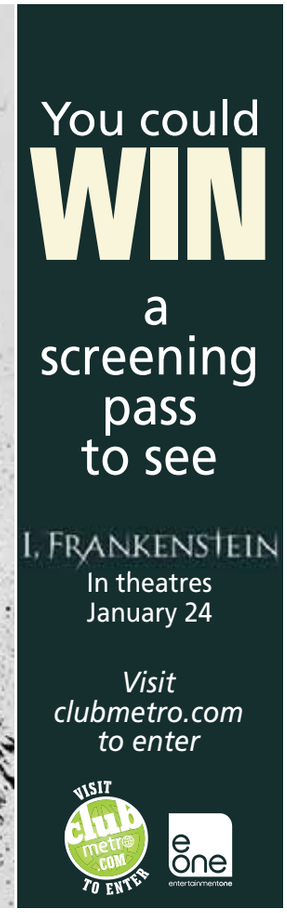


Lior Ashkenazi and Menashe Noy star in Big Bad Wolves, which opens Friday in Toronto CONTRIBUTED



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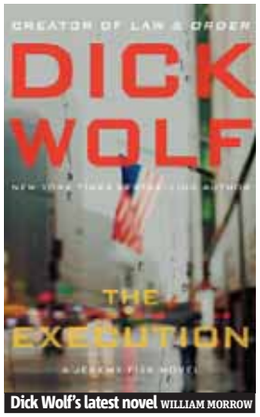




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Prolific Wolf premieres latest cop drama, still finds time to write a book

Chicago P.D. Veteran producer shows no signs of slowing down with high hopes for newest shows



Dick Wolf's latest novel WILLIAM MORROW


Jason Beghe as Detective Sgt. Hank Voight, left, and Sophia Bush as Erin Lindsay in a scene from Chicago P.D. MATT DINERSTEIN/NBC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hours before last week's premiere of his new series, Chicago P.D., Dick Wolf acknowledged he was nervous. Actually, "terrified" was the word he used.

This from a TV impresario whose credits include the hydra-headed Law & Order franchise and whose shows have been a prime-time mainstay every season for a quarter-century.

The morning after it premiered, Wolf would learn that a solid 8.6 million viewers had tuned in.

Airing Wednesdays on Global at 10 p.m. ET/PT, the show is centred around the Chicago Police Department's scrappy Intelligence Unit; the series pits Detective Sgt. Hank Voight and his team against the worst killers, drug traffickers and mobsters the Windy City can deliver.

A righteous cop who plays dirty when he needs to, Voight is in good hands with series star Jason Beghe in a portrayal that began on last season's Chicago Fire, an action drama about big-city firefighters, which is midway through its second robust season. (Chicago Fire airs Tuesdays on Global at 10 p.m. ET/PT.)

At 67, Wolf is a veteran producer whose resumé reaches back to Miami Vice in the mid-1980s, and who, through much of the past two decades, kept the lights on at NBC when it had little else anybody would watch.

His métier is the full-scale broadcast network drama spanning a season of two dozen self-contained episodes, and with it he prospers, even now in an era when edgy cable fare in serialized gulps of a dozen or fewer hours commands much of TV's buzz and critical acclaim.

Wolf drew an analogy between the indie-film model of these cable-TV series as compared with broadcast networks' mainstream-movie paradigm in describing Chicago P.D. as "a big, old-time television top-drawer series production."

Last week Wolf was also marking the publication of his latest novel.

The Execution brings back NYPD Detective Jeremy Fisk, whom Wolf introduced in his first novel, The Intercept. Now Fisk's Joint Terrorism Task Force is back on high alert as an elusive assassin heads to Manhattan for United Nations Week.

"There are stories that are just too big for a series episode or even an arc," said Wolf when asked what prompted his literary ventures.

But how did Wolf, with his TV empire to tend, find time to be an author?

"I've got small kids," he replied with a laugh before sharing iPhone photos of his 6-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son. "I have a very pleasant existence in Montecito (Calif.). I'm on a school schedule now, home in the morning 90 per cent of the time. So writing became a routine."

What he called "my quiet hope" is that these thrillers and their hero might inspire an annual Jeremy Fisk miniseries.

But weekly, scripted drama remains Wolf's true forte. He considers himself a businessman generating inventory with a lucrative afterlife as cable repeats.

"The stakes are so huge for the next decade!" he said, picturing the same happy prospect for his Chicago shows.

Meanwhile, he's thinking internationally. He produces a Law & Order edition for the United Kingdom, Law & Order: Criminal Intent in France and Russian versions of CI and SVU, among other global iterations.

"I'd really like that to happen with (Chicago) Fire and P.D.," he said. "Every big city on the planet has a police department and a fire department. How about Paris Fire?"

And all the better if, back home, this domestic duo spawns a third Chicago series. How about Chicago Justice?

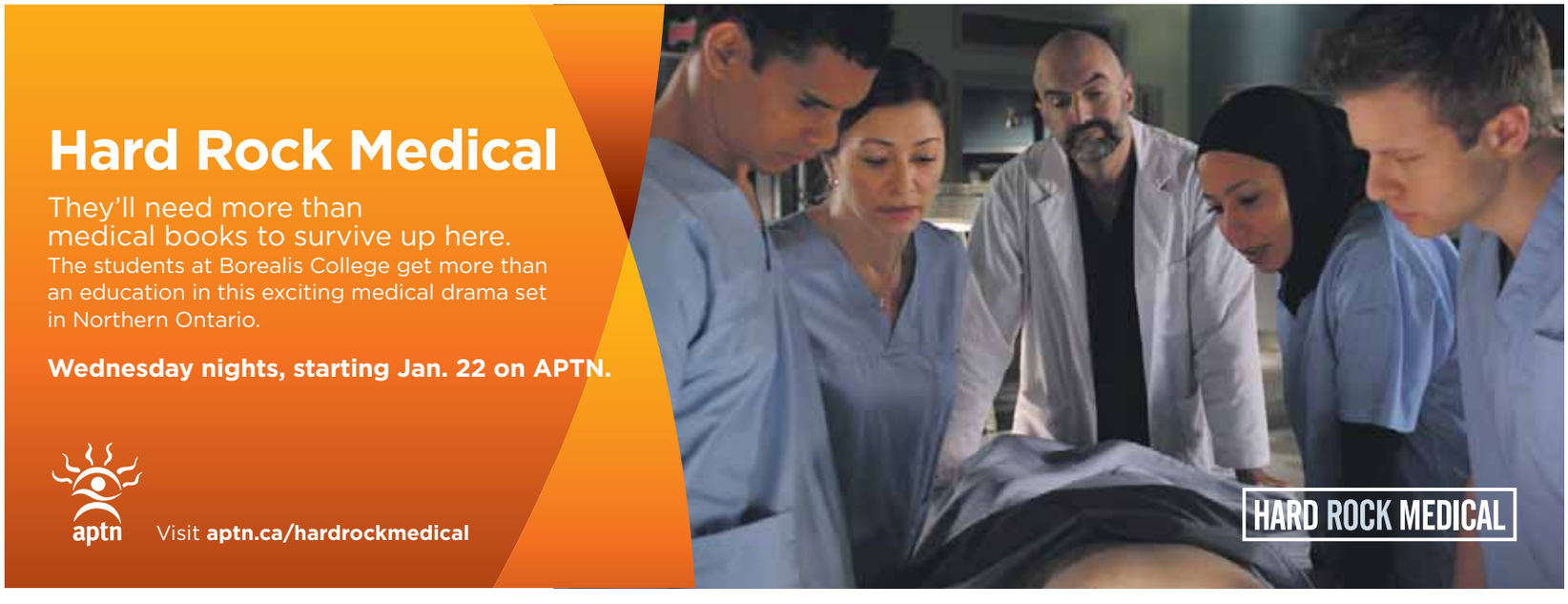
"From your lips to Mr. Nielsen's ears," Wolf replied. "But there's no possibility of that happening unless P.D. succeeds. So believe me when I say that our entire focus is getting this one to work." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted



"Is it retro? Not to me. I just think it's a really good cop show."

Dick Wolf, TV Producer
On Chicago P.D.'s two dozen self-contained episodes on broadcast television





Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Police scramble to crack case of egg-regious vandalism

Detectives searched Justin Bieber's home looking for surveillance footage that might serve as evidence the pop star was involved in an egg-tossing vandalism case that caused thousands of dollars in damage to a neighbour's home, an official said Tuesday.

Roughly a dozen investigators searched Bieber's home and arrested one member of the singer's entourage on suspicion of cocaine possession, Lt. David Thompson said.

The man was later identified as Lil Za, a rapper whose real name is Xavier Smith. Jail records show Smith, 20, was being held in lieu of $20,000 US bail. Thompson said the cocaine linked to Smith was in plain sight when detectives searched Bieber's house.

Bieber, 19, was at the home and co-operated with authorities but was not interviewed by detectives. Thompson said he expected the singer to speak with detectives when his attorney could be present.

"He has not been arrested, nor has he been exonerated," Thompson said of Bieber.

Thompson declined to describe what evidence detectives took from Bieber's home, but said the emphasis wasn't on what was in the pop star's refrigerator. He said the house Bieber allegedly egged had custom wood and other expensive features and that several thousands of dollars in damage occurred. Thompson added that a judge authorized the search warrant.

"I get that the eggs don't seem that significant, but it does rise to the level of a felony," Thompson said. "There is a victim in this case who has extensive damage done to their home. And that's a serious incident." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Home is where the havoc is

- Justin Bieber lives in a gated community in Calabasas, a celebrity enclave about 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. Four helicopters hovered over the neighbourhood hours after the warrant was served.
- In October, prosecutors declined to charge Bieber after a neighbour complained he drove recklessly through the area.

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The Word

Investigation underway after Kimye chiropractor confrontation



MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

The Beverly Hills Police Department has some questions for Kanye West.

The rapper allegedly walked into a chiropractor's office on Monday and punched a young man who had been haranguing him and his fiancée, Kim Kardashian, with a torrent of racial slurs. Police have confirmed they are conducting an investigation into the incident.

"On Monday, January 13th at approximately 12:15 PM, the Beverly Hills Police Department responded to the 8800 block of Wilshire Blvd. regarding a Misdemeanor Battery that just occurred at the location. The named suspect was identified as Kanye West by the victim and several witnesses," the Beverly Hills Police said in a statement. "Mr. West had left the location prior to Officers' arrival. As of this writing, BHPD Detectives are conducting a follow-up investigation. No further information at this time."

Apparently, the young man tried to help Kardashian into the medical building in Beverly Hills and started shouting slurs including the n-word at the paparazzi. When Kardashian asked him not to use the term, he allegedly cursed her off as well, repeating the slur. After Kim called Kanye for help, the young man cursed him out too.

Of course I would never condone violence, but I find myself very much with Team Kimye on this one.



Jennifer Lawrence and David O. Russell

Director deems Lawrence a 'slave' to the silver screen

David O. Russell is not one to mince words. And now the director might cause some trouble with his recent comparison of the Hunger Games franchise to, um, slavery — but at least he's aware of it.

"Talk about 12 years of slavery, that's what the franchise is. And I'm going to get in so much trouble for saying that," Russell tells the New York Daily News, after he suggested that the franchise's producers should go a little easier on star Jennifer Lawrence, who just won a Golden Globe for his film American Hustle.

"I personally think they should give her a bit of breathing room over there because they're printing money. But she's a very alive person."

Stork will bring a boy for Wilde and Sudeikis



Olivia Wilde

It's going to be a boy for Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis, the mother-to-be confirmed to People magazine after her Golden Globes appearance. "He was kicking the whole time, going, 'Where are we?'" she said after divulging that her due date is May 4. She's also taking criticisms of the sequined emerald-green gown she wore to the awards show. "I just heard someone say I looked like a giant, walking pickle," she posted to Twitter the day after the Golden Globes. "As a pickle enthusiast, I thank you."





Casa de Campo's Teeth of the Dog course was designed by Pete Dye, who is renowned for his radical designs. COURTESY CASA DE CAMPO

Bikinis, beaches and birdies

Casa de Campo.
Dominican Republic resort boasts best golf course in the Caribbean



BRIAN KENDALL
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In golf, as in fashion, it's impossible to overestimate the marketing clout of a bikini-clad supermodel.

Already a favourite among the game's cognoscenti, Casa de Campo instantly became a must-play destination for red-blooded golfers everywhere when the posh Dominican Republic resort provided the tropical backdrop for Elle Macpherson and other beauties in the 1987 Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.

"Sports Illustrated was the breakthrough we'd been waiting for," says Montreal-born Gilles Gagnon, Casa de Campo's director of golf since 1980. "It showcased a unique course and an exotic Caribbean setting that golfers wanted to tick off their bucket list along with St. Andrews and Pebble Beach."

Today, Casa de Campo ranks among the world's elite resorts, attracting, among others, billionaires, former U.S. presidents and movie stars who come to golf, play polo, skeet shoot, frolic in the surf and otherwise enjoy a sprawling 7,000-acre retreat so big and ripe with possibilities that hotel guests are given golf carts to get around the grounds.

But even more than Sports Illustrated, Casa de Campo's success has rested from its opening in 1971 on the brilliance of Teeth of the Dog, the marquee attraction of the property's three Pete Dye-designed courses. Dye, now 88, is renowned for his often radical designs at TPC Sawgrass and other celebrated courses. He was hired by then owners Gulf + Western to literally chisel a course from the oceanfront site's razor-sharp coral rock, called "dientes del perro" (teeth of the dog in Spanish) by his frustrated Dominican crew.

Planted sprig by sprig using machete-sharpened sticks, Dye's generous fairways wind through now mature stands of coconut palms, gumbo-limbo trees and bougainvillea. The real fun begins closer to the greens, where sand and water and severe drop-offs demand surgically precise approach shots. Most unforgettable of all are the seven oceanside holes, including the eponymous 16th, a long and treacherous par three set in a rock cove roughly shaped like a dog's snapping jaws.

A hands-on perfectionist, Dye, who used to own a home on the property, has spent half a lifetime tweaking and even massively reworking Teeth of the Dog and the resort's two other courses.

Reopened in early 2012 after a major reconstruction, The Links is a 6,900-yard inland layout played around man-made lakes and through tall roughs of bahia and guinea grass. And, perched on windswept bluffs overlooking the Chavon River, Dye Fore, a rolling and starkly bare behemoth that launched to rave reviews in 2003, has been expanded from 18 to 27 holes. Dye Fore's new nine, Lakes, snakes dramatically around 25 acres of ponds.

For the non-golfers

- **Resort amenities.** The hotel recently completed a $40 million refurbishment and guests can enjoy the pool, spa and private villas.
- **Polo anyone?** There are weekly polo matches as well as skeet and trap shooting at the 300-station shooting centre.







Welcome to an icy winter wonderland

Ice castles. How a man turned creating ice towers for his kids into tourist attractions



About 8,000 people have visited the New Hampshire castle since it opened on Dec. 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Farming is tough during a New Hampshire winter — unless you're growing icicles.

At the base of Loon Mountain in Lincoln, an ice castle not unlike the frosty palace in the Disney movie Frozen is rising from the ground, one icicle at a time. It's one of three ice castles being built by the same company — the others are in Breckenridge, Colo., and Midway, Utah — this winter.

Brent Christensen, who now lives in Hawaii, started his Ice Castles company a few years ago after spending several winters building elaborate slides and ice towers for his kids in his backyard in Utah. He initially sprayed water onto wooden frames, only to be left with a tangled mess of splintered wood in spring. The next year, he experimented with blocks of ice, building a small igloo to which he added chunks of snow and ice.

"During that process, I almost accidentally started thinking about icicles," he said. "At first it was just for cosmetics. I thought, 'This will look really cool.' And then, with time, I stumbled on the idea of crisscrossing the icicles, and that's when I found ... you can actually grow them in certain ways."

Eventually, he approached ski areas about building larger structures that could serve as temporary art installations and tourist attractions, and the idea took off. It costs tens of thousands of dollars to build the castles, the largest of which spans about an acre, and visitors pay $8 to $10 US to walk through them. About 8,000 people have visited the New Hampshire castle since it opened Dec. 27.

The castles will continue growing during the season, until they melt in March. Walls that stand eight to 20 feet could reach 40 to 60 feet in the next month or so, and icicles placed along the tops of walls will become ceilings. But it takes a lot of work, said Cory Livingood, foreman of the New Hampshire castle's crew.

The process starts in the fall, with the installation of elaborate sprinkler systems. When the weather turns cold, water is sprayed onto metal racks to produce thousands of icicles that are harvested and stuck to the ground around sprinkler heads. The icicles are then drenched in water and, depending on the temperature and wind, grow in various shapes and formations.

"We're technically farmers," Livingood said. "We grow icicles, we handpick them, harvest them, take them out and hand place them around sprinklers, and then we turn on those sprinklers and they grow more."

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Quoted

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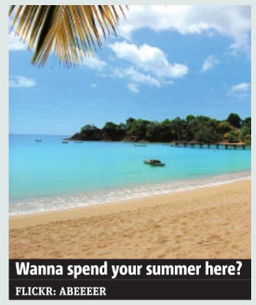
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Do you have what it takes to be a professional connoisseur? Then Tourism Tobago is looking for you to be their Island Connoisseur.

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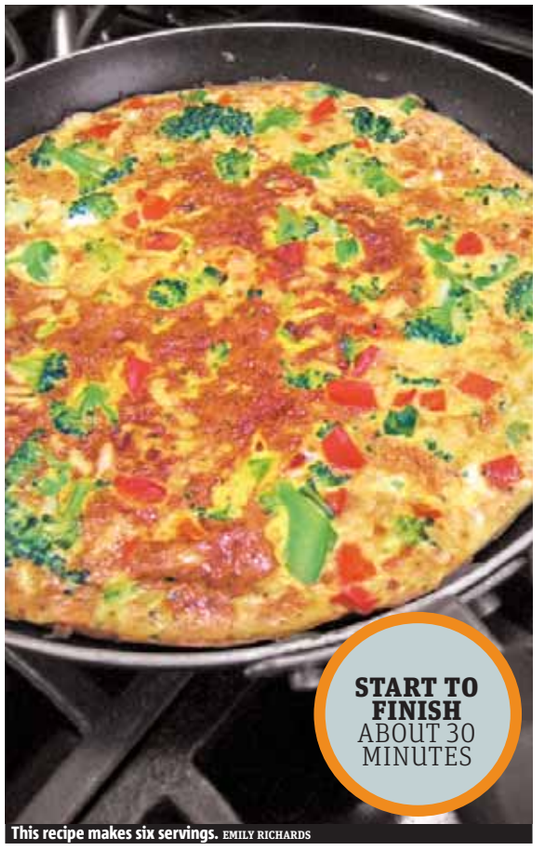
So who's the ideal connoisseur? An outgoing personality helps. So does being a social media whiz. You must also love learning about new cultures. To enter the contest, submit your short bio and 30-second video to 60daysinparadise.com. METRO



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This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Quick dinner helps to clean out the fridge, too

Vegetable and Rice Frittata. This dish is great because of its versatility. Use leftover rice and veggies or add your own flavours



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This vegetarian frittata can be served up with a green salad. Busy night? Start your dinner with a warm bowl of soup and then take a wedge of this with you for a quick meal on the run. It's just as good the next day, served up for lunch with some pasta sauce.

This quick, simple dinner is also a wonderful way to clean out the fridge by using up leftover rice and perhaps even last night's cooked vegetables.

FLASH FOOD



From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

1. In an 8 inch (20 cm) heatproof nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook shallot and garlic for 2 minutes or until softened. Stir in broccoli, red pepper and curry powder to coat. Add broth, cover and cook for 5 minutes or until broccoli is tender. Stir in rice to coat well.

2. Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk together eggs, egg whites, salt and ground pepper. Pour over vegetable mixture, lifting and stirring eggs into the mixture with a spatula. Cover and cook for about 8 minutes or until edges are set and puffed. Broil about 6 inches (15 cm) away from broiler for 2 to 4 minutes or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean and top is golden brown.

Ingredients

- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups (500 ml) chopped fresh or frozen broccoli
- Half red bell pepper, diced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) curry powder or paste
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) vegetable broth
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked brown rice
- 4 eggs
- 3 egg whites
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and fresh ground black pepper

Cooking tips

- This recipe is a great way to use up leftover rice. Whether it is white or brown or sticky rice it will work well. No rice? No problem. When shopping, pick up precooked rice that is ready when you are, so there's no need to cook the rice at home and wait an extra 20 minutes to make the frittata.
- If using frozen broccoli, be sure to thaw if before for best results. The extra water will dilute the flavour in the frittata.
- This dish is also great with peas, potatoes, asparagus or zucchini if that is what you had in your fridge as leftovers.

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Don't wage war at the watercooler, solve conflict with care and class

Ban boardroom brawls. Fight the urge to approach workplace battles with animosity and aggression

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Don't just talk, be a good listener too. You need to give the other person a chance to tell their side of the story. ISTOCK

Have you ever gotten in a conflict at school with one of your project team members — or with a colleague at work?

Perhaps someone isn't showing up to meetings or contributing to a group task. Perhaps a personal issue has arisen with one of your coworkers.

These conflicts can leave you agitated and frustrated, whether they are personal, school-related or work-related.

Here are six handy conflict resolution tips that you may find useful in helping you to work through and settle these conflicts.

Talk directly

Rather than complaining to others and spreading rumours, it is best to talk directly with the person or persons involved in the issue. Taking a direct approach is definitely a lot more useful and will be faster than if you try to get someone else to do the talking for you.

If you aren't sure about this approach, speaking to a superior or instructor is a great idea — they may have insight or advice.

Choose a good time and place

Make sure to consider the setting of any discussion or attempt to resolve conflict. You don't want to be discussing your personal issues in front of everyone else, or somewhere where you are likely to be interrupted or distracted. Try to find a place where you can focus on the issue at hand. Choosing a good time will allow you to engage in a thorough dialogue to resolve the issue.

Choose your words carefully

This one is pretty self-explanatory. When tensions are high, the wrong choice of words can turn a productive discussion into a new stage of the problem. If you're bringing negative energy to the discussion, the other person will feel antagonized and will likely get defensive.

Plan ahead

Identifying the issue at hand and the necessary areas of discussion will make your resolution efforts more effective.

Try and get a clear understanding of the issue at hand, who the involved parties are and what a solution that meets the needs of every party will look like. Concentrate on addressing the issue at hand and focus on your own behaviour and areas of responsibility.

Give information

This is arguably the most important step. Try not to make assumptions. Making a statement like: "You are doing this to make my job harder!" won't get you anywhere. Instead, try offering information: "When you do this, it affects me because...."

Follow up on the solution

- When you have figured out a mutually agreeable solution, make sure to periodically check in with each person to ensure the solution is still working well for both of you.
- Of course, not all conflicts can be resolved under your own authority, no matter how hard you try. Be ready to resort to taking the issue to an instructor or supervisor to ensure that a proper process is followed.

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Hungry for a career that helps others?

Food for thought. A dietitian is a healthcare career option worth digesting

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As a dietitian you could end up writing food columns for different media outlets, developing recipes or even writing cookbooks. ISTOCK

In Canada, opportunities for aspiring dietitians are more abundant than one might think. Check out this introduction to a dietitian's role and learn some of the perks of the job.

But don't get a dietitian confused with a nutritionist!

What exactly does a nutritionist do?

A nutritionist may have studied nutrition at a graduate level at an accredited institution.

In school, nutritionists study food and the body. Nutritionists identify and help eliminate any health issues that may be stemming from certain foods.

They can help with food sensitivities or allergies and can also determine where any deficiencies in food intake may lie.

Drawing on their expert knowledge, nutritionists can make sure that you don't miss out on any important food groups or nutrients.

How is that different from a dietitian?

Generally, dietitians are linked into the medical field and a visit to them will often be recommended by a doctor. Dietitians will have obtained a degree from an accredited institution and must be licensed in order to practice.

A dietitian might help plan food or nutrition programs to promote healthy eating or prevent or treat illness.

To call themselves a dietitian, they must pass a nationally accredited exam that will register them as a dietitian. In Canada, the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination is required by every province except Quebec.

Where could I end up working?

Job locations for dietitians aren't limited to a hospital setting. As a dietitian, you could be working at extended care facilities, public health centres, pharmaceutical firms or educational and government institutions. You could also work in the food and drink industry or be a consultant. The possibilities are endless.

What kinds of work can I do?

Being a dietitian doesn't just include helping patients with gaining or losing weight or managing allergies. It can involve meal planning for busy families, athletes or those on a budget.

The chances of you being employed as a dietitian in North America are generally pretty good thanks to aging populations, which means that the need for dietitians is rising. There's also a growing consciousness about healthy eating, meaning people might be coming to you for advice more often.

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Where can I go to school to become a nutritionist or a dietitian?

- If you want to work as a nutritionist or dietitian in Canada then you'll need either a master's or bachelor's degree in dietetics, nutrition, food and nutritional science or biochemistry.
- Working as a dietitian or nutritionist in Canada is an extremely rewarding career for anyone looking to hatch their career in healthcare. It's well worth investigating if you're passionate about food and want to use that passion to help others.

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Fucale, Drouin back and focused on moving on

QMJHL. The Herd's dynamic duo returns from world juniors primed for title run



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Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin, inset, and netminder Zach Fucale will be in the lineup for Wednesday's home game against the Islanders. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Zach Fucale can pinpoint the moment when the pain of defeat hit him hardest.

It didn't come after the 18-year-old netminder and Team Canada fell to the Russians in the world junior bronze-medal game earlier this month.

The anguish rushed in hours later when Finland, the team that beat Canada in the semifinals the day before, edged tournament host Sweden to win gold.

"It was as if our game against Finland had just finished," said Fucale after Tuesday's Mooseheads practice. "In a matter of hours we had the chance of finishing first but we finished fourth … that's when it really hurt."

But the Halifax Mooseheads netminder, a second-round draft pick of the Montreal Canadiens, who is a projected No. 1 NHL goalie, is moving on.

That's not to suggest that the pain doesn't linger. But he's channelling it into motivation.

"It was a great experience to play on such a grand stage. It can only help me moving forward in my career, and season.

"I just have to keep developing, keep working hard. Nothing is given to you. We finished fourth. That's the proof. Really, it's all about work ethic. We lost. Now I have to work every day like I'm preparing for that final gold medal."

Fucale and Jonathan Drouin, who was among Canada's top forwards in Malmo, were back practising with the Mooseheads Tuesday, preparing for Wednesday's home game against the Charlottetown Islanders.

For the pair, life goes on.

"It's kind of hard to live with," said Drouin. "But there's nothing I can do about it now. We knew if we took our foot off the gas it would cost us, and it did."

Drouin refused to see a silver lining.

"Losing is losing. It's disappointing. But I'm happy to be back; it's a new challenge.

"It wasn't my best performance but I think I played pretty well, but for some of our key guys maybe it wasn't their best."

From now on, the focus is on fighting for top spot in the Q, and ultimately defending their league championship title.

"That's where I'm at right now," said Fucale. "The playoffs are something we want to be prepared for. There are 24 games to work and to prepare for. When we get there we have to be in tip-top shape."

Quoted

"You have to remember the bitterness of losing and you have to work at not feeling that again."

Mooseheads netminder Zach Fucale, on placing fourth at the world junior championship with Team Canada.

Ryan ready to return to lineup

For Andrew Ryan, a broken ankle was nothing compared to this.

The Halifax Mooseheads' 19-year-old forward had been through that before, but an ankle infection he suffered in early December was a whole new kettle of fish.

"I just woke up in the night, and the pain was unbelievable, it was crazy," said Ryan.

Dec. 8 against the Charlottetown Islanders marks the last game he played, in which the St. John's native collected a goal and an assist.

The origins of the infection can be traced back to complications from an injury he sustained three days before in a game against the Victoriaville Tigres, where he left the game after blocking a shot with his foot. Bacteria got in the wound and settled inside his ankle.

Ryan had to abruptly leave his teammates in Miramichi, where they were en route to Quebec.

Within hours, he was in a Halifax hospital operating room getting the ankle flushed.

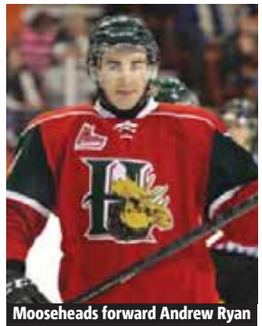
"It could have been more serious."

Now Ryan's set to make his return to the lineup; he'll be a game-time decision for Wednesday's home game against the Islanders.

Ryan, who has 31 points in 33 games with the Herd this season, will be a welcome addition.

He's excited to get back into a lineup that's nearing 100 per cent healthy, with the exception of forward Sam Leblanc, who's out for at least four weeks recovering from mononucleosis, and Ryan Falkenham (hip), who's out for the remainder of the season.

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO



Mooseheads forward Andrew Ryan will be a game-time decision for Wednesday's home game against the Islanders. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Tennis. Williams Courts history at Aussie Open

Serena Williams matched one of Margaret Court's records at the Australian Open on Wednesday as she advanced to the third round with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Vesna Dolonc.

Williams improved her record to 60-8 at Melbourne Park, equalling Court's 60 match wins in the Open era at the Australian championship.

Court, who won seven of her 11 Australian titles before the Open era began in 1968, has a show court named in her honour adjacent to Rod Laver Arena. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Serena Williams GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Grizzlies sizzle with Gasol back

Courtney Lee scored a season-high 24 points, including the closing two free throws, and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 90-87 on Tuesday night in Marc Gasol's return to the lineup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Jagr has historic night against Habs

Jaromir Jagr moved into seventh place all-time in NHL goals and Martin Brodeur made 29 saves as the New Jersey Devils downed the Montreal Canadiens 4-1 on Tuesday night.
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Maple Leafs stay upright vs. Bruins in Massachusetts



Leafs defenceman Dion Phaneuf hits Bruins centre David Krejci during Toronto's 4-3 win on Tuesday night in Boston. ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Toronto avoids another collapse despite facing heavy pressure at game's end

On Tuesday

Leafs	Bruins
4	3

Tyler Bozak scored twice, Phil Kessel had three assists and the Toronto Maple Leafs held off the Boston Bruins 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Jonathan Bernier made 38 saves for the Leafs, including 15 in the third period as the Bruins tried to rally after allowing three straight goals.

James van Riemsdyk's goal a minute into the third put Toronto up 4-2, and the Maple Leafs held on despite getting outshot 41-26.

Jake Gardiner also scored for Toronto.

Hammonds Plains' Brad Marchand and Patrice Bergeron each had a goal and an assist for Boston. Gregory Campbell pulled the Bruins to 4-3 with 10:25 left in the third period, but Bernier stopped a late flurry of shots after Boston pulled goalie Tuukka Rask for the extra skater.

Boston won the first two meetings this season with Toronto, who were on the verge of winning their first-round playoff series in Game 7 last spring before the Bruins rallied from a 4-2 deficit late in the third period and won 5-4 in overtime.

Rask made 22 saves in this one for Boston, which lost for the third time in four games. He was booed after van Riemsdyk's wrist shot got past him early in the third.
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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	46	29	15	2	132	102	60
Tampa Bay	47	28	15	4	136	113	60
Montreal	47	26	16	5	118	111	57
Toronto	48	23	20	5	132	146	51
Detroit	46	20	16	10	118	127	50
Ottawa	47	21	18	8	134	146	50
Florida	46	18	21	7	109	141	43
Buffalo	45	13	27	5	80	125	31

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	47	33	12	2	152	112	68
Washington	46	22	16	8	137	137	52
Philadelphia	47	24	19	4	125	132	52
NY Rangers	48	24	21	3	119	126	51
New Jersey	48	20	18	10	112	118	50
Columbus	46	22	20	4	129	131	48
Carolina	46	19	18	9	111	130	47
NY Islanders	48	18	23	7	132	156	43

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	49	30	8	11	177	135	71
St. Louis	45	32	8	5	163	100	69
Colorado	46	29	12	5	135	117	63
Minnesota	49	25	19	5	118	122	55
Dallas	46	21	18	7	132	141	49
Nashville	48	20	21	7	113	143	47
Winnipeg	48	20	23	5	133	146	45

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	48	35	8	5	161	119	75
San Jose	47	29	12	6	150	117	64
Los Angeles	47	28	14	5	120	96	61
Vancouver	47	24	14	9	123	115	57
Phoenix	46	21	16	9	135	143	51
Calgary	47	16	25	6	105	148	38
Edmonton	49	15	29	5	128	174	35

Note: 2 points for a win, 1 point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's results
Toronto 4 Boston 3
New Jersey 4 Montreal 1
Dallas 5 Edmonton 2
Nashville 4 Calgary 2
Ottawa 3 Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 2 NY Rangers 1
San Jose 2 Washington 1 (SO)
Florida 4 NY Islanders 2
St. Louis 2 Phoenix 1
Colorado 3 Chicago 2 (OT)
Philadelphia 4 Buffalo 3
Monday's results
Los Angeles 1 Vancouver 0
Calgary 2 Carolina 0
Winnipeg 5 Phoenix 1
Columbus 3 Tampa Bay 2
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
Nashville at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	25	42	67
Kane, Chi	23	33	56
Tavares, NYI	21	35	56
Getzlaf, Ana	23	30	53
Thornton, SJ	5	45	50
Perry, Ana	25	24	49
Sharp, Chi	25	24	49
Kunitz, Pgh	24	25	49
Backstrom, Wash	11	37	48
Toews, Chi	17	30	47
Ovechkin, Wash	32	14	46
Malkin, Pgh	12	34	46
Okposo, NYI	19	26	45

Tuesday's games not included

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's games
All times Eastern
New England at Denver, 3 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 6:30 p.m.

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 2
At East Rutherford, N.J.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	30	7	.811	—
d-Miami	27	10	.730	3
d-Toronto	19	17	.528	10½
Atlanta	20	18	.526	10½
Washington	17	19	.472	12½
Chicago	17	19	.472	12½
Detroit	16	22	.421	14½
Charlotte	16	23	.410	15
Brooklyn	15	22	.405	15
New York	15	23	.395	15½
Cleveland	13	24	.351	17
Boston	13	26	.333	18
Philadelphia	12	25	.324	18
Orlando	10	28	.263	20½
Milwaukee	7	30	.189	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	30	8	.789	—
d-Portland	28	9	.757	1½
Oklahoma City	28	10	.737	2
d-L.A. Clippers	26	13	.667	4½
Houston	25	14	.641	5½
Golden State	25	14	.641	5½
Dallas	23	16	.590	7½
Phoenix	21	16	.568	8½
Denver	19	18	.514	10½
Minnesota	18	19	.486	11½
Memphis	18	19	.486	11½
New Orleans	15	22	.405	14½
L.A. Lakers	14	23	.378	15½
Sacramento	13	23	.361	16
Utah	13	26	.333	17½

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Tuesday's results
Indiana 116 Sacramento 92
Charlotte 108 New York 98
Memphis 90 Oklahoma City 87
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Toronto 116 Milwaukee 94
Houston 104 Boston 92
New York 98 Phoenix 96 (OT)
Washington 102 Chicago 88
San Antonio 101 New Orleans 95
Dallas 107 Orlando 88
Utah 118 Denver 103
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

GSP: Drug testing battle influenced hiatus

Mixed martial arts star Georges St-Pierre says the Ultimate Fighting Championship's hesitant position when it came to stiffer drug testing greatly influenced his decision to take a break from the Octagon.

St-Pierre said Tuesday a lack of strenuous drug testing was one of the factors that led to his decision to step away from the sport.

"It bothered me greatly, it was one of the reasons I decided to step aside," St-Pierre said Tuesday.

He vacated his welterweight title and took a hiatus from the sport in December, citing a need to lead a normal life and deal with mental fatigue.

The 32-year-old confirmed when asked by a reporter that his employer, the UFC, did not support him when he proposed drug testing in the weeks preceding his Nov. 16 fight against Johnny Hendricks.

St-Pierre stepped away following UFC 167, where he won a controversial split decision over Hendricks. After that fight, he said he needed time away to sort out some personal issues.

The star fighter was prudent in his comments Tuesday, being careful not to point fingers at any one person or fighter. He stressed he wasn't accusing anyone of steroid abuse.

St-Pierre said he wanted to bring the sport he loves to "another level" of testing and help those who are honest in the sport.

"I tried to change things, and unfortunately — maybe for money reasons, maybe for image — they were not ready to do that," St-Pierre said. "I tried to (bring about) change in a very diplomatic way and it didn't work, so it's unfortunate, but I believe it will happen sooner or later."

St-Pierre said implementing drug testing is not a condition for any potential return to the sport. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Canada's very own Micra

Review. It's been 21 years since it was last sold here but now Nissan has decided to bring it back and 'Canadianize' it

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Nissan Micra's re-introduction to Canada reflects this country's love of small hatchbacks .

Currently sold in 160 countries, the Nissan Micra subcompact hatchback is a very successful global car.

But it's always been a no-show in the U.S., and it's been 21 years since it was last sold in Canada for an unremarkable seven-year run.

Nissan Canada just announced it will try the Micra experiment again, this time with feeling, and with a very "Canadianized" version, which will be exclusive to Canada. Nissan's U.S. arm is still not Micra motivated, and won't be selling any Micra versions any time soon.

Historically, the Canadian marketplace has always been populated with Canada-only models not sold in the U.S., but they're getting scarcer on the ground, and with what Nissan Canada had to go through, to make this new Micra happen, you can see why…

"It was in development for three years solid," says Andrew Wilton, Nissan Canada's chief marketing manager, and one of the Nissan execs on hand for the model's first unveiling, at a special event in Montreal last week. "You wouldn't believe the amount of engineering that went into it."

The Canadian 2015 Micra will be built at Nissan's Mexican plant, which has been building Mexican-market Micras for years, but Wilton said the Canadian version is closer to the European version. "We looked at the Mexican car, but it just wasn't right for us. We wanted more of the European touches."

In fact, the launch of the Canadian car was timed to coincide with the European model's mid-cycle revision, just completed in 2013.

Some of the "Canada-only" items on this Micra include ducts for rear-seat heating, 60/40 split folding rear seat, heated side mirrors, and front and rear sway bars for the suspension. Wilton and Nissan Canada are really proud of that suspension.

They took the best Micra suspension component set up they could find globally, in that European market Micra, and made it even better, by adding those sway bars: "No other market has a front or rear sway bar," boasted Wilton.

The car also gets the European 15 and 16 inch wheels, because Nissan Canada liked the looks of them, and Canadians use winter tires, and those are harder to come by on the smaller 13 and 14 inch wheels featured on the Micra models in other markets.

"That's the beauty of a global car. You can pick and choose from every single market. We selfishly like to think we did a really good job at the picking and choosing," added Wilton.

The Micra is smaller than the Nissan Versa Note, but shares the same V-platform, which underpins a lot of small Nissans (V stands for versatile). Micra's engine will also be the same 1.6-litre "four" toiling away in Versa Note, but Micra will go with a five-speed manual or conventional four-speed automatic; Versa's automatic is a CVT.

Keeping the "higher-technology" pieces on the Versa Note is Nissan's strategy to give the two small hatchbacks some separation on the sales floor and on the price ladder. So don't expect stuff up-market options like heated seats, navigation, and 360-degree monitor on the Micra.

Versa Note's base price is $13,348. Micra's will be lower than that, but Nissan is not saying by how much exactly, at least not yet.

2015 Nissan Micra

- **Type.** Subcompact four-door hatchback
- **Engine.** 1.6-lite four-cylinder engine
- **Transmissions.** 4-speed automatic or 5-speed manual
- **Base price (incl. destination).** Nissan said it will be lower than their $13.3K Versa Note

Exclusive Canadian club

The Canadian marketplace has always featured vehicles not sold in the U.S., but we're seeing less and less of them. Here are a few past and Canadian-market models that were, or are, persona non grata in the U.S., 1959 Dodge Viscount; 2000 Toyota Echo Hatchback; 2005 Acura EL 1.7, 2009 Mercedes-Benz B-Class.



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When the weather turns icy, you simply toss some salt on your driveway. But municipalities have to do far more than that to keep the streets clear whenever snow and ice are in the forecast.

"We use two forms of salt," says Uldis Siksna, manager of maintenance and operations for the Region of Durham. "We have salt brine and solid rock salt."

Before a storm or freezing temperatures arrive, trucks spray brine on dry roads, a process known as anti-icing. "This liquid salt dries up and leaves the salt residue on the road, which shows up as white lines," Siksna says. "You're trying to prevent a bond from forming between the roadway and any freezing rain, snow, or ice pellets. It's easier to keep the surface of the road clear when it's time to plow."

Once the snow flies, plows go out to clear it away, and to scatter rock salt on the road. Some trucks spray liquid brine onto the rock salt just before it's spread, which is called pre-wetting. This helps keep the salt from bouncing too much, and also speeds up the melting process.

Salt lowers the freezing point of water, which is why salted ice melts at temperatures below freezing, but it does have its limits. Salt is basically ineffective below -20 C.

Municipalities with very cold winter temperatures use sand instead, which provides traction. It's more environmentally-friendly than salt, which can damage concrete and vegetation, but it's not viable in milder regions, where it would regularly wash off the roads and need to be reapplied. "There are huge costs associated with getting rid of sand," Siksna says, adding that it clogs storm drains.

Each municipality has its own routines for handling snow and ice, which can depend on what type of trucks it has and how many, the type of roads, and its budget. Some add calcium chloride to their brine, which works at even lower temperatures, while a few, including Toronto, use a liquid made from sugar beets.

It's easier on the environment than salt, but far more expensive. But no matter where you are, one rule applies: be cautious around snow plows. "People try to pass a plow, and they're passing on a portion that hasn't been cleared," Siksna says. "They lose control and they hit the plow, or they hit someone head-on, or they go into the ditch. Eventually the plow finishes its circuit and turns off, so stay behind it."

Did you know?

- **Beware the road less travelled.** Cars crush road salt, which accelerates the melting process. Lightly-travelled roads may be slippery because larger salt crystals are still sitting on top.
- **You need the know how to manage a plow.** Snow plows are complex machines, with numerous controls to operate the main plow, the wing plows, the salt spinner and the pre-wetter.
- **Pickled sand.** Areas that use sand often put down "pickled sand," which has a small amount of salt added to keep it from clumping.



Careful when over-taking a snow plow. BOTH PHOTOS: REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM



A truck sprays anti-icing brine on the road prior to a big freeze.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The full moon's influence will pull your emotions first one way then the other over the next 48 hours. So the safest course of action is to ignore them completely and act only on what your head tells you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You would like nothing better than to turn your back on the past and start again but you know it isn't practical. Make the most of the situation you find yourself in. It's not that bad.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may lose your temper with someone who lets you down. But don't feel bad about it because you are not the only one whose emotions are up in the air. Even Geminis get annoyed once in a while.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
What happens tomorrow, when the moon is full in your sign, may seem extreme. But who says life is fair? Others have the power to make the rules and you don't, so adapt.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will fall out with someone today, most likely because you cannot agree on issues of a philosophical nature. Fortunately, you will also find it easy to make up and be friends again.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
As tomorrow's full moon cuts across one of the outspoken areas of your chart, you won't be tactful when dealing with people whose opinions you do not share. But why should you be when you are right?

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Are you in charge of your emotions or are they in charge of you? If you are honest, it will most likely be the latter. Whatever happens, don't let your fears damage your career.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The tensions in one area of your life have almost reached breaking point but that need not be as bad as it sounds. In fact, it could even be good if it clears away all the resentments you've been saving up these past few months.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Tomorrow's full moon makes it likely that you will clash with someone over money. But don't take it seriously because in a matter of days neither of you will be able to remember what it was all about.

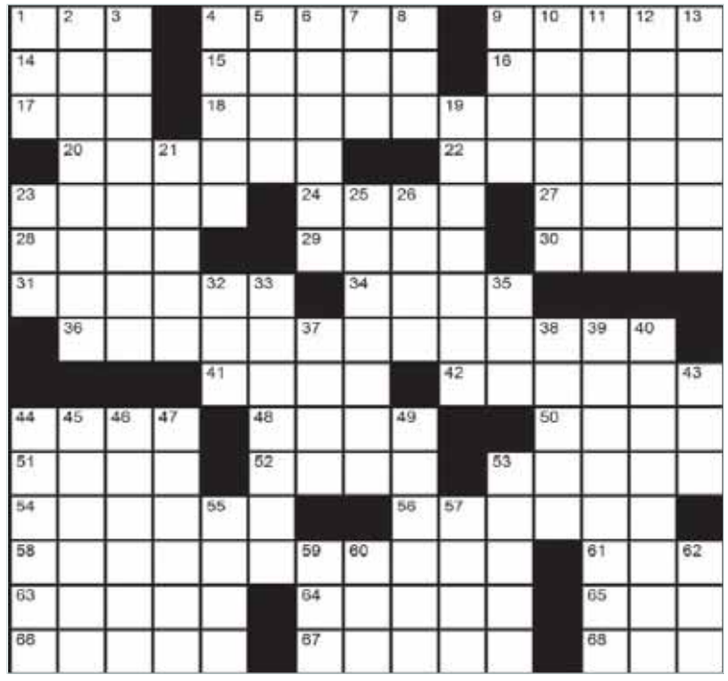
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't let your emotions get the better of you over the next few of days. Others can rush about like it's the end of the world but you will remain cool and with full self-control.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You seem to be in a fighting mood but don't lose sight that while some things are worth fighting for, others are not. Pick your battles carefully and make sure your enemy is worthy.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It will pay you to steer clear of touchy subjects over the next 48 hours. There are things going on that you disapprove of but will getting involved on an emotional level change anything? No. SALLY BROMPTON

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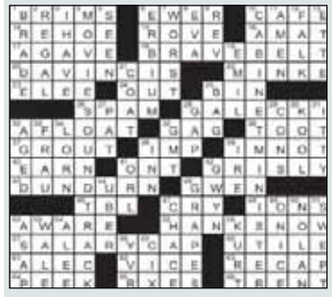
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16. Love, in Venice
17. Montreal area, lettered
18. Origin for medical-grade marijuana: 2 wds.
20. Bean-yielding trees
22. Sheepish response to "Where'd that last piece of cake go?": 3 wds.
23. "Sheesh.": 2 wds.
24. Eden offspring
27. Ms. Sommer
28. Crying sounds
29. Songwriter, Jimmy __
30. Crate strip
31. Hamilton radio station, K-__ _ _
34. Ancient Greece's war god
36. 18-3224 __ __: Purple hue that is Pantone's 'Color of the Year' for 2014
41. And others, for short
42. Bug's midsection
44. Dress lines
48. Nautical ropes
50. Alone
51. Nursemaid
52. Mixture
53. __ Park (Thomas Edison's home/lab site in New Jersey)
54. Change a moniker
56. Ukraine port city
58. Type of police bust: 2 wds.
61. Sundial number
63. Like an omelet
64. Was resentful, __ _ grudge
65. __. _ (Julius Erving, to basketball fans)
66. Ms. Witherspoon
67. Bathroom cleanser
68. "Omigod!"

Down
1. In shape
2. Football-on-TV watcher, __ quarterback
3. Community in BC's Okanagan Valley
4. Middle East: __ Heights
5. Thought: Prefix
6. __ puzzle
7. 'Pay' suffix
8. Three-lettered fish
9. Olympic swimming great Ms. Torres
10. Overacts
11. Coastal city of BC, __ River
12. Three-horsed Russian carriage
13. Set of seven
19. Stage show collaborators, __ & Sullivan
21. Surveyed
23. Night flapper
25. 1964: "Ladies and gentlemen... The __!!!"
26. River of Spain
32. Giant's cry of disgust
33. 1497: John Cabot's ship, The __
35. Principal's employer, for short
37. Quebec water brand
38. Sprays
39. TV series that starred Canadian actor Raymond Burr
40. Canadian Senator/humanitarian, Romeo __
43. Tic-Tac-Toe line
44. Current PM
45. Arise
46. Horsemanship academy
47. Sunglasses
49. Sandbanks
53. Athlete's prize
55. Formed
57. "Thank You" songstress
59. Oilers org.
60. King: Spanish
62. Alphabetic trio

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	6	5	9	8	2	3	1	4
8	2	3	4	1	7	9	6	5
4	9	1	3	5	6	2	7	8
6	4	7	5	9	8	1	2	3
5	8	2	6	3	1	4	9	7
1	3	9	7	2	4	5	8	6
3	5	8	1	6	9	7	4	2
9	7	6	2	4	3	8	5	1
2	1	4	8	7	5	6	3	9

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